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Islander April Cook takes on big role with the Charlottetown Festival

Charlottetown - April Cook is enjoying performing at home this summer in the Charlottetown Festival's Anne of Green Gables- The Musical™. Cook is from Prince Edward Island and believes her past experience in the Charlottetown Festival has helped her fit into her new role with ease.

She was nine years old when she got the role as a Child of Avonlea in Anne of Green Gables- The Musical™. She continued in this role for four summers. In 2004 Cook performed in the Charlottetown Festival's Young Company production of Les Feux Follets.

"I was going into grade 11 at the time so I was youngest member of the Company," says Cook. "It was such a great opportunity for me. I got to meet some really great people and learn a lot about the business."

After graduating from Charlottetown Rural High School, she enrolled in the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in New York City, where she graduated from this past May.

When she was a young girl performing as a Child of Avonlea, she always knew she wanted to be a part of Anne™ when she got older. This summer Cook returned to the Mainstage in the role of Tillie Boulter in Anne of Green Gables - The Musical™.

"I feel very comfortable on the Mainstage. I love performing here and it is great knowing on any given night I probably know someone in the audience."

She has also been busy teaching theatre camps at the Confederation Centre this summer. She has been teaching both junior and intermediate classes and thinks it is great that so many kids on P.E.I. are interested in theatre.

Anne of Green Gables -The Musical™ plays on selected dates on the Mainstage at the Confederation Centre of the Arts until September 27.

Tickets to Anne of Green Gables -The Musical™ are available at the Confederation Centre's box office at 1-800-565-0278 or online at www.charlottetownfestival.com.

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